

**USDA PURCHASED GROUND BEEF  
RESULTS OF MICROBIOLOGICAL TESTING  
School Year 2002-2003**

Information is based on Meat Grading and Certification Branch data received as of June 5, 2003

Total Pounds of Ground Beef Sampled and Tested	154,738,818
Total Vendors Participating	21
Total Number of Samples Tested	1876

<b>Microbial Test</b>	<b>Number of Vendors with Positive Tests</b>	<b>Number of Non-complying Samples*</b>	<b>Percent of Non-complying Samples</b>	<b>Pounds Rejected</b>	<b>Percent of Pounds Rejected</b>
E. coli O157:H7	6	9	0.48	529,220	0.34
Salmonella	12	49	2.61	4,302,620	2.78
E. coli	6	9	0.48	1,199,760	0.78
Coagulase Positive Staphylococci	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total Coliforms	6	21	1.12	768,120	0.50
Standard Plate Count	2	4	0.21	258,880	0.17
<b>TOTAL</b>		92	4.90	7,058,600	4.56

**\* NOTE:** A sample represents one day's production. Some samples exceeded more than one of the specified microbial limits. In cases of multiple non-compliances, a sample was counted only once under a specific microbiological test in the above table in accordance with the following order of precedence:

Order of Precedence: E. coli O157:H7, Salmonella, E. coli, Coagulase Positive Staphylococci, Total Coliforms, Standard Plate Count.

**\* Not included: 3 E. coli, 6 Total Coliforms, 2 Standard Plate Count**